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Dry Squads Had Excellent "Control"

Many Raids Made in S. F. Resorts New Year's Eve

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Among the 25 raids made in this city by dry squads New Year's eve the most sensational one was that of the famous Cliff House, where several hundred of San Francisco's smart set had gathered to dine and dance. Crashing into this resort agents seized quantities of liquor on the tables. Frank O'Kane, prominent in business and club circles, struck a glass said to be filled with wine from the hands of Agent W. H. Taylor, cutting Taylor severely. This action started a "rough house," the result of which was the handcuffing of several and a general cleaning out. Several fur coats containing bottles of booze were confiscated by the officers. Some of the garments were said to be worth thousands of dollars.

New Elks Building to Cost Million and Half

Oakland, Jan 2.—Ceremonies attending the turning of the first shovelful of dirt for the $1,500,000 Elks building will be held the night of January 8, at 11 o'clock, this being the hour that Elks the world over pay tribute to the memory of almost members, those who have passed on. Many neighboring lodges will participate in the ceremonies.

Fatal Accident While Wiring

Turlock, Jan. 1.—A fatal accident occurred here yesterday, two women, Mrs. T. R. Olsen and her sister, Mrs. Mary Anderson, being electrocuted while assisting Mrs. Olsen's son in erecting a radio aerial.

The radio wire, which was being held by Mrs. Olsen, snapped, coming in contact with a high-power line. She was killed almost instantly. Mrs. Anderson, in endeavoring to extricate her sister from entanglement with the wire, was also electrocuted.

Comfort Day

Kansas City, Jan. 2.—The Grand Council Order of De Molay, with headquarters in this city, has named Saturday, January 3, as De Molay Day of Comfort throughout the world. The object is to spread good cheer.

Change Calendars

The two departments of the Superior court will change calendars for the year 1925. Department No. 1, Judge H. V. Alvarado, will have the probate, criminal and civil business. Civil, insanity and naturalization cases will be presided over by Judge A. R. McKenzie.

Mystery Unravelled

The boy who was struck at Colma by an automobile turns out to be a full-grown man, who was taken to a hospital where his injuries were attended to and later sent home. The mystery has been cleared up, and the Richmond boy located. He is very much alive.

Eliminate the danger of fusil oil by sticking to the water wagon.

Typos Protest Against Being Made the "Goat"

Indianapolis, Jan 1.—President of the International Typographical Union James M. Lynch has authorized all locals and members of the organization, and especially the small publishers, to register protests with their representatives in Congress against the proposed advance in second-class postal rates, which would provide for an increase in wages of United States postal workers. President Lynch says:

"We are in complete sympathy with postal workers in their struggle to obtain living wages, and it is not a selfish motive that prompts this action. It is not good policy to place this load on the nation's newspapers. The weekly newspaper in the second-class mail constitutes by far the greatest educational force in the country. To reduce the number of publications or to curtail circulation would be a crime against society."

Big Ad for Ford

Alameda, January 2.—Henry Ford can now adopt the slogan, "My car 'gets you there,'" and a safe guarantee that it will "get you back." The 83 year old Alameda who bucked the blizzards from Denver to Alameda in ten days in an open flivver has set a record. It looked like a 100 to 1 chance—some said suicide. But he made it without side curtains, no spare tire and a 1916 model.

Down from Lake County

John A. Deadrich, former Richmond business man, came down from Lakeport Monday and spent a day or two renewing old acquaintances. Deadrich is selling ranches and insurance in Lakeport and is prospering.

Decision Next Week

San Francisco, Jan 2.—The railroad commission have not completed their hearings in regard to ferry rates. Their report will probably be submitted next week. It is not believed there will be a material reduction in existing rates.

Ask for Bids

Bids have been asked for the construction of the proposed two-story building at Tenth and Macdonald, formerly occupied by a filling station. The building is planned for three stores to front on Macdonald and three on Tenth. There will be office rooms on the second floor.

City in Brief

Make it a happy one.

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Start the new year by paying him.

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L. R. Mullen of the Contra Costa Abstract Co. was a Richmond visitor Wednesday.

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San Rafael Elks are arranging to visit Richmond lodge Jan. 31.

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Editor E. C. Ebsen of the Pinole Times visited a few minutes with the newspaper men of Richmond Wednesday. "Eb" was on his way to San Francisco to assist in celebrating the incoming and already arrived New Year.

THE TERMINAL can print it for you. Call up Richmond 132. Print shop at 207 Macdonald.

Driver of Car Rolled Himself to Place of Safety

S. J. Marsh, 52, Albany painter, escaped death by a hair Monday when his automobile was demolished by a southbound S. P. Electric train at Shattuck and Alston way, Berkeley. With great presence of mind, when Marsh saw the train bearing down upon him, he leaped from his machine, and by rolling away from the tracks, escaped the grinding wheels of the train. His auto was demolished. When the ambulance arrived to "carry off the dead," Marsh was walking around surveying the remains of his automobile.

California Near the Top

According to the recent count New York state leads in registrations with 1,412,050 automobiles. California is second with 1,321,480, and is less than 10,000 behind New York in passenger cars.

The only other states in the one million class are Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

The next five nearing the million mark are Michigan, Texas, Massachusetts, Indiana and Iowa, the latter state with 614,500.

New Idea for Films

"Longer and better" movie films are promised by a new German film-developing machine, invented by Otto Fliess, a Berlin engineer. By the present method, films are made in short lengths and glued together—frequently as many as 150 pieces to the reel. By the Fliess method the pieces of negative are printed against a continuous positive film, which may be as much as 500 meters long—half again as long as the average reel. The position of each scene and subtitle is determined by marks previously made on the positive, and the amount of light necessary for printing is controlled according to the known density of the negatives. The whole plant is operated by two men and has a capacity of 3,000 meters of film in eight hours.

The Way It Goes

"A couple of young ladies opened a barber shop here about a month ago for the use of ladies only, and sat about waiting for 'em to come in and have their hair bobbed," related a citizen of Wayoverbehind. "But instead of patronizing the place the ladies all went to Curly Pink's shop for men and in a little while crowded the gents all out, so that the latter flocked to the ladies' shop to get their work done. So runneth the human mind, and more especially the feminine mind."—Kansas City Star.

Locomotive Set Record

Locomotive 999, built in 1893 for the New York Central railroad, was used on the Empire State express. In May, 1893, it made a record run during which it attained a speed of 112½ miles an hour. The locomotive has been withdrawn from service. This speed has never been attained by any other locomotive, although it could be if desired, not only by the powerful locomotives of the New York Central, but by locomotives in service on other roads.

Wood Pipes for Water

The town of South Devon, on the east side of the River St. John, directly opposite the city of Fredericton, New Brunswick, has decided to increase its water supply by laying 4,000 feet of 6-inch wood stave pipe, connecting the Killarney lake with the South Devon reservoirs, by which means the pressure will be equalized, Vice Consul Johnson, at New Brunswick, advises the Department of Commerce.

Women Control Property

Entire control and management of a famous Colorado mine which has produced $71,000,000 in gold is about to be taken over by a group of women, composed of the widows and daughters of the original owners.

Ford Employes Given Fat Christmas Present

Detroit, Jan. 1.—Employes of the Ford Motor Co. cut a 14 per cent melon for 1924, the bonus going to those holding investment certificates, the guaranteed annual rate being 6 per cent.

The advance of 8 per cent is due to special returns in both six-month periods ending June 30 and Dec. 31. The interest money is in addition to wages.

Third Term Governor

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—New York, the Empire state, inaugurated Governor Alfred T. Smith governor for the third term yesterday. Smith is a Democrat, and it is the first time in a hundred years that a governor has served in the state a third time. Mrs. Florence Knapp of Syracuse administered the oath. The entire inaugural ceremony was broadcast by radio.

Old Road Traversed by Caesar's Legions

The Prince of Wales recently formally opened the reconstructed road between Dartford and Strood, one of the oldest and most celebrated highways in Europe.

The patch of road is in reality part of Watling street, a thoroughfare of great antiquity which still traverses the heart of London and, just back of St. Paul's cathedral, to this day bears its ancient name.

The motorist who today comes up to London from Canterbury traverses the same road, the famous Watling street which Roman soldiers took when, on conquest bent, they marched through England. Jutish marauders in their day burned and plundered the countryside which it served. Traders from Gaul trudged over its stones long before the medieval age, in fact, the whole panorama of English history would be unrolled if this ancient way could speak.

And this old road is today what it has ever been, the most convenient route between London and the ports of France.

The Strongest Poison

Ricin, the chemical principle of castor beans, threatens to break all records for poison strength, according to Dr. P. Karrer of the Speyer hospital research laboratories of Frankfort-am-Main, Germany. Even the latest product is not yet pure and fully concentrated. In its present stage of purity, however, ricin will kill an animal 300,000,000 times the weight of the dose given. This relegates such poison as arsenic and prussic acid into insignificance. Doctor Karrer and associates obtained more than four pounds of this terrific poison from castor-bean oilcake, a residue from castor oil factories.

Teaching the Young Idea

The total number of public-school teachers in the United States in 1923 is estimated by the bureau of education to have been 729,426. This estimate does not include superintendents, supervisors and principals; 43 per cent of these teachers, or approximately 313,805, are classed as rural teachers. In this classification rural is interpreted to include open country, country villages and towns not maintaining independent city systems.

Stick to the Soil

"Nordics" may be interested in a recent report of the medical statisticians of the London county council, in which Welshmen, Italians, Jews and other dark peoples are said to be showing greater adaptability to city life than the blond Northern types. The conclusion is that the flaxen-haired Saxon does well to stick to the soil, whether as owner or as tiller.—Springfield Republican.

It was in THE TERMINAL.

Mountain Copper Co. Prepare to Start Up Plant

Martinez, Jan. 2.—The Mountain Copper Co.'s plant is preparing to resume operations again after a year's shutdown.

The copper market after a protracted slump, is becoming active, and has reached the highest price in 18 months, 17c.

If the stability of the market is assured, Manager Swift says the plant will soon open again.

Tons of Tea Required to Satisfy Drinkers

Mentioned in Chinese legends almost as far back as 3,000 years before Christ, tea for centuries has played an important part in the social, political and commercial history of the world, and today is one of the most valuable articles of trade to certain countries. Approximately 100,000,000 pounds are imported into the United States alone, while the total exports of the tea-producing nations are estimated at more than ten times that amount. Tea is now the fourth most important product of the planters of the Dutch East Indies, according to reports of the Netherlands chamber of commerce, nearly 300 plantations there producing, in 1923, 106,260,000 pounds, of which 4,443 tons were sent to the United States—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Will Inspect Concrete

The highway research board of the National Research council, of which Charles M. Upham is director, is about to begin an intensive inspection of reinforced concrete roads throughout the United States which have been in service for at least five years, with reference to all sorts of climatic and traffic conditions. From this survey an effort will be made to determine the influence of steel reinforcement on the resistance of the slab to traffic, subgrade and climatic conditions; the conditions under which steel reinforcement is especially beneficial to concrete slabs; the effect of the slab design on the efficiency of the reinforcement; the relative initial cost and annual maintenance and renewal charges of plain and reinforced concrete roads.

Fits Most of Us

High up in a New York office building 18 draftsmen, all graduate civil engineers, toiled at their drawing boards, stopping occasionally to watch a man who washed the windows, strapped to the sill. One of the draftsmen, more curious than the others, went to the window and talked to the window washer. Then he addressed the crowd:

"Fellows, this wop on the window sill is getting more money than any one of us—for washing windows. What do you know about that?"

"He's entitled to it," answered the oldest draftsman. "He swallowed his pride and took a chance. We're not willing to do either."—Exchange.

Golf Has Most Players

Baseball is usually thought of as the popular American game and this is true in the sense that greater numbers are interested in the game as something to watch, but as a game to play, golf has by far outstripped any other game among Americans. It is participated in by more men and women above thirty years of age than any other single pastime.

British Better Looking

British scientists maintain that the average British person is better looking today than he was some years ago. This is due, they say, to the improvement in general intelligence which improves their general looks. Also improved intelligence aids health, which in turn aids the general looks of a person, they maintain.

"I Saw It in THE TERMINAL."

As Traffic Increases, More Runs Required

Arizona Deer Drive Saves Thousands of Animals

Flagstaff, Ariz., Jan. 1.—One of the largest deer drives in western history has just ended. Fifty Indians and cowboys under the direction of George McCormick have succeeded in rounding up in the snow blanketed forests of Kaibab at the east end of the plateau, over 10,000 deer threatened with starvation.

The hungry animals were all brought down the north rim of the Grand Canyon, where they were made to swim the Colorado river. From this point they were herded into the Grand View district, where there is an abundance of fresh feed.

It is understood that McCormick will receive $2.50 for each animal he brought safely through.

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Outside of That, Things Were About as Usual

"How are all the folks, Mr. Johnson?" asked the able editor of the Tumlinville Torch of Liberty and Tocsin of the Times.

"Well, wife is on the puny list," replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, who was in the county seat on a shopping expedition. "My least boy, Bearcat, is chilling, gran'dad is grunty, three or four of the other children have got the mumps, my oldest gal ran away tuther night and married some feller that she's brung home to live with us, Greedy got bit on the big toe by a snappin' turtle yesterday and the blame' thing wouldn't let go till the sun went down, Banty and Runt are beginning to go with the gals and tuther night they had a fight with a passel of kids outside of the church and got clawed and wallered till they look like they'd met a bunch of bears; some cuss—I reckon likely it's a feller that I swapped hosses with—is taking a shot at me once in a while, but not hitting me this far; the baby swallered a fishhook or something that-a-way this morning and was still yelling bloody murder when I left. Outside of them matters I reckon we're doing about as common."—Kansas City Star.

Variety of Meanings Given to Short Word

Though no sportsman myself, writes a correspondent in America, I have found some points of interest in a copy of the fish and game laws of the state lying on a table of the New Hampshire boarding house where I have been spending the summer. Here, for instance, is a section defining the word "take" as used in these acts.

It "includes pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, snaring, and netting fish, birds and quadrupeds, and all lesser acts, such as disturbing, harrying, worrying, wounding, or placing, setting, drawing, or using any net or other device commonly used to take fish, birds or quadrupeds, whether they result in taking or not, and includes every attempt to take and every act of assistance to every other person in taking or attempting to take fish, birds or quadrupeds."

The clause "whether they result in taking or not" is distinctly good. It shows how the ordinary sense of a word will break in even when lawmakers are trying to give it an esoteric meaning. A reference to "a self-hunting dog" is another linguistic eccentricity of this code.—Manchester Guardian.

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S. F. Ferry Celebration Is Planned For Jan. 15

The initial run of the new San Francisco-Richmond ferry will be made January 15th, according to present plans.

One of the new ferryboats will leave the Richmond slip at about 8 a.m., and will carry passengers and automobiles from the continental side of the bay.

Arriving at the ferry building a parade will form, and headed by a band of music will march to the chamber of commerce where the celebration exercises will be held.

The Klamath, last of the three ferryboats built for this service, is nearing completion and will be launched tomorrow.

The new ferry will start with a schedule of only eight round trips per day, until such time as traffic demands.

Only Rich Can Afford Raising of Pheasants

Cortlandt Bleecker was talking at the Knickebocker club about the expense of pheasant raising in America.

"The female pheasant is such a poor mother," he said, "that on our larger estates the keepers collect the pheasant eggs, and they are hatched by ordinary hens.

"Pheasants generally bring a very low price in the wholesale market. Their meat seems coarse and tough to most people. This is because few know how to hang the birds. Hung out of doors till the blood begins to drip from the mouth—a matter of three or four days—a pheasant makes tender, sweet and juicy eating.

"Altogether pheasant raising is a costly hobby, while as for pheasant shooting—well, I once heard an old sportsman say of it:

"'Up goes a ten-spot; bang goes a quarter, and down comes 75 cents.'"

Vile Attitude

Senator Magnus Johnson was condemning the profiteers.

"They deny that they're profiteering," he said, "but they don't really expect us to believe them. In their pride of wealth, in fact, they don't really want us to believe them.

"Their attitude reminds me of the colored woman who said:

"'Ah sut'ny was insulted last week. When Ah paid back Miss Wiggins de half dollah wot Ah'd borrowed from her, she done had the nerve to bite it. Yah, yah, yah! She's down wid lead poisonin' now.'"

The Widower

President Hays of the Motion Picture Producers was condemning certain excuses that had been advanced by the film pirates he is fighting.

"These excuses," he said, "remind me of the widower who was discovered, on the day of his wife's funeral, kissing a pretty servant girl.

"On being taken to task, the widower waved his arms about in a wild way and moaned:

"'In my grief do I know what I do?'"

Fully Occupied

"The bank was robbed whilst I was in town this afternoon," related Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, upon his return from the county seat. "A passel of fellers rid up, rushed in, shot down the president and cashier, grabbed all the money in sight, and lit out."

"What did you do?" asked Mrs. Johnson.

"Nuth'n. I was 'tending a sick hoss, and couldn't leave him."—Kansas City Star.

WILL ASK FRANCE TO PAY WAR DEBT

ADMINISTRATION NOT INCLINED TO DALLY LONGER

U. S. WANTS CLARIFYING STATEMENT FROM PARIS

Omission of War Obligation From Inventory Statement Calls for Some Explaining—M. Clementel Says We Got Him Wrong.

Washington.—The United States is about to ask the French government for a direct official statement of her attitude regarding the war debt of approximately $4,000,000,000 owed to this government.

This step was decided upon because of the statement of the French finance minister, which attempts to repudiate the obligation. Previous assurances from authorized spokesmen of the French government to the United States all acknowledged the debt and merely requested delay in payment. The United States now desires to know definitely whether France really means to repudiate her obligation—a step which this government does not believe Paris contemplates.

The French finance minister's statement provoked surprise and critical comment in administration circles and in congress. Everywhere the reaction was the same—France will be accommodated as to terms, but none of the debt can be canceled.

On behalf of a high official of the government it was said:

1—That it would be a very serious mistake for France not to recognize the debt and provide for its discharge as an international credit should be maintained.

2—That the United States will not consent to any arrangements for pooling the debts and paying according to relative national wealth.

3—That this government does not underrate the sacrifice and spirit of France and hopes the entire matter may be dealt with on a friendly basis.

4—That the United States has no desire to be oppressive, but that we expect the debt to be recognized and proper arrangements made to fund it.

Secretary of State Hughes called on the secretary of the debt funding commission, Elliott Wadsworth, assistant secretary of the treasury. Following this it was indicated that the state department is preparing to ask France for an explicit statement of her position to clear up the contradictory attitudes of the finance minister and the previous expressions of the French government.

Meanwhile, congress had considerable to say. Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, a war veteran strongly pro-French and a close friend of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, made a statement on the floor declaring that he believed the French people honest at heart and did not think they would repudiate a just obligation.

Representative Wingo of Arkansas, another Democrat, declared the president's opposition to cancellation has the wholehearted support of the nation.

"The honor and self interest of nations will eventually lead them to stop playing fast and loose with their moral obligations," he said.

Paris.—Confronted by the arched eyebrows of the American government, M. Clementel, minister of finance, has hastened to assure the press that he was misunderstood in various particulars when he recently discussed the French debt to the United States and suggested that part of it be cancelled.

The finance minister protests that portions of the French national inventory statement have been misinterpreted. Never, he solemnly asserts, did he have any intention of proposing that European war debts be pooled.

PREDICTS BANNER YEAR FOR CALIFORNIA—TOURISTS LATE

San Francisco.—Full of optimistic predictions for a "good business year" in 1925 and for increased travel of tourists and settlers to California, Edward Chambers, vice president in charge of traffic of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, arrived in San Francisco on a business tour from Chicago. Chambers is credited with being as closely in touch with western business conditions and western development as any railroad executive in the country.

"The outlook for winter passenger traffic to California is also good," he said. "Although it will come somewhat later this year than usual because of the mildness of the eastern winter until the last few weeks. We expect to run three sections of our California limited during January."

Mystery Malady Kills 200

London.—More than 200 persons are dead and many more are dying of a new and mysterious disease which has broken out on the border between Persia and Afghanistan, in the Karez district, according to a Central News dispatch from Allahabad.

Heads Commerce Board

Washington.—Clyde B. Aitcheson, Oregon, has been elected chairman of the interstate commerce commission for the year starting January 1, succeeding Henry Clay Hall.

BANK OF ITALY EMPLOYE CAUGHT AT SANTA RITA

Taken in Monterey County Home of "Red-Haired" Sweetheart While Enjoying Christmas Party With Her Family.

Salinas.—Dale Rowan, employe of the main office of the Bank of Italy at San Francisco, who absconded on May 24 last with $47,200 of the bank's funds, was arrested at Santa Rita with Mrs. Georgia Martinez Brown, Salinas divorcee, who, as "the red-haired" sweetheart of the absconder, disappeared when Rowan fled. Rowan and the girl were trapped in the ranch home of M. F. Martinez, father of Mrs. Brown, by Sheriff W. O. Oyer, and brought to the Salinas jail. Rowan had $685 in his pockets. His suitcase, found at the Martinez home, contained several changes of clothing and a loaded pistol. Beyond admitting his identity to Sheriff W. A. Oyer, Rowan refused to discuss his plight, or divulge what became of the funds he is charged with stealing.

Rowan's capture by Sheriff Oyer was traceable to a mysterious tip that he could be found at the Martinez home. With three deputies guarding the exists, Sheriff Oyer burst into the living room to find the Martinez family, Rowan and the girl enjoying a belated Christmas party.

Three brothers of the girl, it is alleged, jostled the sheriff until Rowan had an opportunity to dash out of the house, where he was halted by the deputies.

Rowan, at one time, lived in Salinas and attended school here for several years.

When Rowan disappeared in May, Bank of Italy officials were astounded, as he, to all appearances, had been a model young man and a leader in activities of bank employes. The robbery, which had been committed on a Saturday, was not discovered until the following Monday.

Rowan was acting as chief teller and custodian of cash when he committed the theft. After the bank closed on the Saturday on which he fled, Rowan collected all the cash and currency from the other tellers, giving each a debit check for the sum turned over by each. He then gathered up everything in the nature of money from the vault in which he was supposed to place the receipts of the day and made a leisurely departure for his apartment. From there he not only took his own belongings but everything else of appreciable value, according to the police. From that time on until his arrest, Rowan and the young divorcee of the red hair played hide and seek with detectives.

Ask New Key Route Quiz

Berkeley.—Affiliated Berkeley clubs petitioned the city council to join forces with the city of Oakland in demanding a more searching investigation into the Key System-Sacramento Short Line crash. The club adopted a resolution declaring its belief that if the equipment of both lines had been standardized the accident, which caused ten deaths, would not have occurred.

Auto Death Toll 108

San Francisco.—One hundred and three people were killed in San Francisco during 1924 by automobiles. The survey revealed that nine of the deaths were from accidents involving "hit and run" drivers, while only two arrests were made in these cases. Eighty-four people were injured, while only twenty-one arrests were made of drivers responsible for the accidents.

Kid McCoy Convicted

Los Angeles.—Kid McCoy was found guilty of manslaughter in a jury verdict returned in superior court. The jury deliberated thirty-two hours in reaching its decision. The time required for a verdict was the longest in the history of Los Angeles county criminal cases. The manslaughter conviction carries a sentence of from one to ten years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Inventor Harnesses Waves

Stockholm.—An apparatus which will revolutionize the exploitation of energy from ocean waves and currents, designed by a Swedish inventor, will make possible the use of 60 per cent of the energy of a wave, while from a wave ten feet in height it will be possible to obtain 15,300 horsepower.

Body of Woman Petrified

Fulton, Mo.—In digging up the grave of Mrs. M. F. Guthrie, who died 25 years ago, the sexton found instead of a skeleton, a lifelike body completely turned to stone. Persons acquainted with Mrs. Guthrie said her features of stone were as they appeared when last seen.

Will Hasten Fliers' Reward

Washington.—Demand for action to reward the American world fliers, will be made immediately upon the reassembling of congress by Representative Hill of Maryland. Hearings for the awarding of the airmen are expected to start soon after January 1.

Fear Renewed Water War

Los Angeles.—Rumors of another contemplated seizure of the Los Angeles aqueduct by Owens valley residents were admitted by water department officials.

Golden State
News of Interest to All

A city-carriers' annex is to be built to the postoffice building at Stockton.

A girl thug robbed T. A. Woodward of $550 at his suburban home near Los Angeles.

A $60,000 three-story concrete store and office building is to be erected in San Anselmo.

Government Island in Oakland harbor may become a joint army and navy aviation field.

A two-story concrete parochial school for the Catholic diocese at Red Bluff is to be built.

Fire of unknown origin damaged the Allen Art studio at Oakland to the extent of $20,000.

An automobile speedway is under construction on the Kern county fair grounds at Bakersfield.

The new Methodist church at Livermore, erected on the site of the old one, has been dedicated.

Work on a new Catholic church, of Spanish design and to cost $30,000, will begin in January at Tulare.

A one-story concrete Catholic church to be built at Daly City will seat 400 and cost around $40,000.

The East Cliff drive in Santa Cruz, which has been paved with concrete, was formally opened December 22.

Kern, Fresno and Kings counties have joined in a San Joaquin valley drive for the extermination of coyotes.

The Hotel Brown at Napa has been sold to Frederick Rhodes of San Francisco, who will renovate and reopen it.

Several persons were injured in fighting the fire that destroyed the Hotel La Playa at Carmel recently.

The San Joaquin valley realtors elected E. G. Hughson, treasurer of the state realty association, as president.

Inmates of various Sonoma county institutions enjoyed a crab supper recently, of 1,900 confiscated smuggled crabs.

December 21 marked the heaviest snow storm that the country around Redding has witnessed in thirteen years.

Her five-year-old son discovered the dead body of Mrs. Friedenthal of Oakland in the basement of her home where she had gone "to get provisions."

Assemblyman Herbert McDowell of Fresno has been appointed a member of the legislative committee of the American Legion, department of California.

The navy department has placed an order for the installation of super radio equipment (the most powerful in the United States) at Mare Island yards.

Mill Valley celebrated Christmas by staging a community Christmas party, with a massive Christmas tree and community singing in the public square.

Ordinances increasing the pay of Sacramento firemen and policemen in amounts ranging from 10 to 25 per cent have been adopted by the city council.

A fund of $170 was raised in two days by co-eds of the San Jose state normal college by hiring themselves as marcelling "experts" and shoe shiners.

San Francisco streets were deluged by the heaviest downpour of rain in many years, heavy damage resulting from the fall of 3.43 inches in twenty-four hours.

Property said to be worth $300,000 changed hands when the Bullshead oil refinery was sold to the Associated Oil company. The deed was recorded at Martinez.

Investigation is under way of the giving of poison liquor in a soft drink parlor at Marysville to a federal prohibition agent when his office was discovered.

Mrs. Matt Milligan of Sacramento, after she had been reported missing, was found at the bottom of a 100-foot bluff on the American river, with a fractured leg.

While her three children were rescued by neighbors, Mrs. George Henderson, 35, of Burlingame died from burns, received while reviving a fire with coal oil.

Scores of persons witnessed the successful placing of one of the center caissons in midchannel for the Carquinez straits bridge being built from Crockett to Vallejo.

A 3,500-acre tract of land at Half Moon Bay was purchased by the Julian Petroleum company of Los Angeles from the Mid-State Petroleum company for $250,000.

Ways and means of financing the planting of hundreds of pistachio trees along the highways of Yolo county are being devised by the Yolo county women's clubs.

Mrs. Constantina Marotta, several times convicted woman bootlegger of Monterey, has charged the police chief there with having promised her protection if she would supply him drinks.

Two suns appeared in the sky at Gerber recently at 6:30 in the morning, a phenomenon said to be rarely seen in this latitude, although it is quite a common occurrence in Arctic regions.

Irene Boatwright, the first woman ever sentenced to the penitentiary from Mendocino county, must serve from one to five years in San Quentin for connection with a gang of burglars.

Trinity county has been paid for the loss of $4,511.69 stolen from the treasury October 29, by an insurance concern.

The Beaumont fruit growers' new $70,000 packing house and cold storage plant is receiving, storing, packing and shipping fruit. In spite of a short apple crop in the district, the plant started with about 40,000 field boxes of fruit in cold storage, or about two-thirds the capacity. This will be taken out of storage, sorted, packed and shipped as the market demands, and not on the old consignment basis.

Discharged prohibition agents are extorting "hush money" from bootleggers of the bay region, using their former connection with federal prohibition forces as a lever. The practice was discovered when one of the places said to be paying protection money was raided and the owner told of the weekly visits of the extortionists.

Charging that several California finance companies are guilty of petty graft in collecting fees from their clients for renewal of automobile licenses, the chief of the state motor vehicle department has warned autoists to refuse payment of the fees.

A blue-eyed, innocent looking boy of twelve recently succeeded in the most daring swindles to come to the notice of the police at Berkeley, having cashed checks for $20 and $30 which he said his father had given him for Christmas money.

The Santa Cruz chamber of commerce has received a communication from the Sempre Virens club at San Jose asking cooperation in opening what is known as a "fire escape" road which will run westward from the park to the coast.

Of the twenty murders in Los Angeles in December, the district attorney states that nearly all were the acts of strangers in the city and asks aid from the state in finding employment for the unemployed who drift into that town.

An engineer has been appointed by the Sonoma county supervisors to make specifications and estimates for widening, grading and paving the twelve-mile highway unit between Monte Rio and the Sebastopol-Freestone highway.

Petitions to the council asking for the removal from West Cabrillo beach of a tent and bungalow city, built by business men to serve as moderately priced housing facilities for autoists, are being circulated in Santa Barbara.

With the approval of the government for the spanning of the Golden Gate from the Presidio to Marin county, nothing now stands in the way of financing the giant bridge which it is claimed will cost approximately $21,000,000.

The arrival in Los Angeles of William Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs and Los Angeles baseball teams, is thought to signalize the start toward building a $1,000,000 ball park, the future home of the Angels.

While returning from the Del Paco Country club, A. F. Johnson and a caddie known as "Jimmy" rescued the year-old baby of Mrs. O. J. Rasmussen from her burning home at Ben Ali, north of Sacramento.

The supervisors of Calaveras county contributed $750 from the advertising fund of the county toward the building of the geographical model of California in the nave of the ferry building in San Francisco.

In an accident caused by snow drifts an auto party of eight skidded off of a sharp turn in the Sacramento canyon near Delta, and rolled down a 100-foot embankment, injuring only one of the party.

Over $1,000,000 worth of business was transacted by one San Francisco realty firm in a week recently, among which was the sale of the Physician's building in Berkeley, said to have involved over $250,000.

The north drift of the main tunnel in the Yellow Jacket mine in the Alleghany mineral zone is said to have broken into quartz rivalling the bonanzas uncovered in the Tightner and Sixteen-to-One mines.

Dr. Edward C. Franklin, professor of organic chemistry at Stanford university, was awarded the Nicholas medal for 1925 for original and stimulative research work in chemistry.

Approximately 125 men are at work on the two jobs now going on in the program of straightening and grading the Pacific highway between Redding and the northern state line.

Louis Lowe, Kern mountaineer, held at Bakersfield in connection with the killing of the chief of the Kern county prohibition squad, has been formally charged with the murder.

Sensational details of negotiations to secure an option on the famous Coburn ranch at Pescadero at a price of $900,000 were revealed in a collection suit at Redwood City.

The body of William Slemmer, 80, prospector and part owner of the Keystone mine, was discovered on a lonely mountain trail north of Redding by a tramline operator.

A crippled man, brought into court at Santa Barbara for alleged begging, had $10,626 on his person and claimed he was worth $250,000.

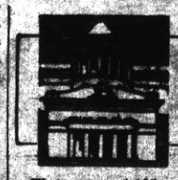
Rescue teams recovered the bodies of two of seven men killed by an explosion in the Pacific Coast Coal company's mine at Burnett.

Negotiations for the purchase of the plant of the Martinez Canning company have been completed by the American Plywood company.

It is probable that bids will be opened shortly for a new mail stage route for Lake county, to operate between Calistoga and Ukiah.

A Lathrop farmer was fined $10 for appropriating electric energy for his ranch from the power line of the Western States company.

The Pacific Gas and Electric company has bought the Swayne creosoting plant at Redding, and will double the plant's capacity.



STATE LETTER
Around Capitol and State Institutions

There are 1,125 educational districts throughout the state with an enrollment of fifteen pupils or less, says the assistant state superintendent, who also says that sixty-three one-teacher schools are slated for abolition because of an enrollment of less than five students during the last year. When the average daily attendance drops below five students, schools must be suspended and consolidated with some other institution, according to state law. Out of approximately 3,200 districts in the state, there are forty-eight with only five pupils, 123 with only six and 109 with seven.

A bill placing a curb on fraudulent institutions of learning is being drawn up for presentation to the coming legislature which will be asked to take definite steps towards prevention of "diploma mills," not only those trafficking in medical credentials, but those as well which confer other bogus degrees. The bill, it is said, will fix standards for all educational institutions and provide that every prospective school must meet these standards before it can secure a California charter from the secretary of state.

That the national trend of highway financing is away from bond issues and toward direct taxation is claimed by the state highway commissioner who says that results based on the last November election in many states and press reports seem to point a lesson for California. "With 1,300,000 motor vehicles in use almost every day in the year, this state can provide an annual construction fund which will carry highway building forward at least as rapidly as in the past and probably faster."

The chief inspector of the motor vehicle division's traffic department recommends that a force of at least 500 traffic officers be supplied, operating under absolute control of the state. This number is needed to properly patrol the highways and reduce the tremendous loss of life caused by accidents, it is claimed. Among other suggestions is the establishment of an officers' training school to give standardized instructions.

The state labor commissioner has been advised by Attorney General U. S. Webb that the practice of employment agencies of exacting fees from persons placed in temporary jobs, followed by a request for additional fees should the job become permanent, is illegal. The saving which will result from this ruling is estimated to be between $250,000 and $300,000 in fees charged to working men and women.

National forests in California suffered the greatest loss from fires the past season. Long continued droughts in the Pacific coast region made the 1924 season especially bad, but losses were kept surprisingly low in all states except this. While the complete data is not yet available, up to September 30, 7,279 fires inside of national forests swept over 500,000 acres of federal lands.

Work on drafting the measure to create the proposed state department of mines and minerals, which will coordinate under one head all functions of the state government relative to the mineral industry and encourage greater development of mineral resources, is under way by a state-wide committee headed by Judge John F. Davis.

The coming legislature will be able to take care of any reasonable budget for the biennial period to come without recourse to new sources of income, according to State Controller Riley. The only department which may need added revenues, he said, is the state highway commission.

Careful consideration has been promised to the claims of members of the California County Taxpayers association who demand provision for traveling expenses to and from Sacramento, incurred in making their semi-annual settlements with the state treasurer.

State Comptroller Riley says the state's income was fully $10,000,000 greater than anticipated when the 1923 legislature was in session and there is a surplus of $6,000,000 with which to begin the next biennium as "cash on hand."

A resolution to ratify the child labor amendment to the national constitution is to be submitted to the coming legislature.

Requests received by the legislative counsel bureau from legislators for the preparation of bills to be introduced at the coming legislature have already mounted into the hundreds. Most of the bills propose only minor amendments to the code.

A pamphlet sent out by the Anti-Single Tax league claims that at the coming legislature an attempt will be made to secure the passage of a single tax measure.

Burglars looted Bishop's store in Crockett.

Ferocious Rabbit Nearly Kills Girl

O'Neill, Neb.—Miss Teresa Hayden, member of the local high school, was the victim recently of the strangest accident ever recorded here.

She was driving her car on the state highway at night, when a big jack rabbit, blinded by the lights of the automobile, jumped through the windshield of the car. So terrific was the rabbit's impact that two of Miss Hayden's teeth were knocked out and her face severely cut.

The jack rabbit was killed in the collision.

JAIL TOO COLD, HE BREAKS OUT

Rips Lock Off Door and Tells Cop About It.

Philadelphia.—"The jail was too cold, and I just refused to stand for a condition like that."

That is what Frederick R. Merlin, forty, told Traffic Policeman Crooks when he surrendered at Broad street and Ridge avenue and handed him a six-inch lock as evidence that he had escaped from the Langhorne (Pa.) jail.

"You see, it's this way, officer," he explained, after asking to be rearrested. "I was pinched early this morning, after I was in an automobile accident on the Lincoln highway between Parkland and Langhorne. They took me to the Langhorne jail.

"But it was too cold to sleep. When I yelled a couple of times for the turnkey and he failed to answer, it made me sore. I looked around the cell and found an iron bar.

"I used the bar to rip this lock off the cell door. Then I shoved the lock in my pocket and started to look for the jailer. I was going to make him turn on the heat. But I couldn't find anybody anywhere around the place, so I figured the nex tbest thing to do was to walk down to Philadelphia and explain the situation."

Thought Dead 4 Years, Returns From Jungles

Albany, N. Y.—Believed by friends to have perished in an African jungle four years ago, A. J. Klein, formerly New York state taxidermist, is back alive and well. Mr. Klein came back with a record of having slain 88 lions, and with 20,000 feet of motion picture film, depicting native hunts, herds of 200 gnus and zebras, and data concerning the life and habits of many animals.

Mr. Klein has spent 14 years exploring the South African jungles, where he collected specimens for the American Museum of Natural History. Until about four years ago he corresponded with David C. Lithgow, an artist of Albany, but since that time no word had been received from the explorer and scientist.

Mr. Klein regards, as his most important work, the photographing of packs of hyenas. It is difficult to get hyenas in large groups because they break up and hurry to their lairs before daybreak, he said. By appealing to the animals' greed, however, he succeeded in keeping them out until after sunrise.

Whole Town in Peril of Disappearing Underground

Scranton, Pa.—West Scranton is again in danger of suddenly disappearing underground. The city officials are informed by engineers who have been investigating the mine caves under the city that Washburn and Lafayette streets and Bromley and Rebecca avenues are in imminent danger of dropping into the workings of the Glen Alden and Serob Coal companies.

A conference between city officials and representatives of the coal men is being arranged to devise some means of safeguarding life and property.

Mirage in Colorado

Loveland, Colo.—A remarkable mirage appeared here recently on Fourth street. It took the shape of a deep pool of water in the middle of the street. When the story gained circulation a crowd gathered at the scene. Motorists swerved to avoid the "pool," only to find on closer examination that the street was dry. Persons approaching the place from certain angles could see in the water the reflection of passing cars.

Lightning Freak

Mason, Mich.—A polite bolt of lightning during a recent storm, after venting its ire on the telephone in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bartlett here, rolled calmly out of the back door. The phone was torn from the wall, but otherwise little damage was done to the home. Mrs. Bartlett sat only a few feet from where the bolt struck, but she was only slightly stunned.

Baby Smothers

East Bridgewater, Mass.—Robert A. Hackner, eight-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hackner, was found by its father smothered to death in his carriage.

The child was in a sleeping bag in a go-cart and it is believed that the wind blew the hood of the sleeping bag over the child in such a manner that he was smothered.

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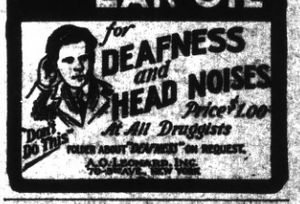

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Yank Rules Berlin

Young American Financial Genius in Berlin as Agent General for Reparations

The German Reichstag. International Photo

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

OBSERVED of all observers nowadays in Berlin is an American who has more power than had most kings and emperors of prewar times. He handles more money than most rulers ever saw. In his hands is the financial fate of Germany, on which apparently hangs the future of Europe. It is almost literally true therefore that a "Yank rules Berlin." The latest "Who's Who" has this to say about him:

Gilbert, Seymour Parker, lawyer; b. at Bloomfield, N. J., Oct. 13, 1893; s. Seymour Parker and Carrie Jennings (Cooper) Gilbert; A. B., Rutgers College, 1912, A. M., 1916; honorary M. Sc., 1921; LL. B. cum laude, Harvard Univ., 1916; unmarried. With Cravath & Henderson, New York, 1916-18; mem. War Loan Staff, office Sec. of Treasury, as counsel in War Loan matters, 1918-20; in charge fiscal affairs, June, 1920-Mar. 4, 1921; reappointed Mar., 1921, serving until June 30, 1921; under-sec. of the Treasury, in charge of fiscal affairs, July 1, 1921-Nov. 17, 1922. Mem. N. Y. bar. Mem. Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Phi. Republican. Baptist. Clubs: Metropolitan, Chevy Chase (Washington), University, Harvard, Harvard Law, City Midday, India House (New York). Home, 47 Oakland Av., Bloomfield, N. J. Office, 52 William St., New York.

All of this was undoubtedly true at the time it was written. Now it must be revised and corrected on several points. Doubtless the most important—from his viewpoint—is that the "unmarried" is all wrong. For, like a sensible man, when he found that he was slated for the job of agent general for reparations under the Dawes plan, he sailed with a bride, who was Miss Louise Todd of Louisville. Wives, you know, double our joys and halve our troubles.

And it's a fair guess that our Yank in Berlin will have his troubles. If any man in the whole world has a tougher job—name him, if you can! Most of us can't even understand the intricacies and ramifications of the Dawes plan. Just to get the Dawes plan started took a number of men nearly 100 per cent efficient—men like Gen. Charles G. Dawes, who functions with dynamic energy when what is needed is a fighter of international reputation who can call a spade a spade and get across with it; like Owen D. Young, originator of the technical features of the plan and a financial diplomat who can bring men safely together over the rough places; like H. M. Robinson, who had charge of the organization of the reparations bank. And he's got to do business with six or seven kinds of foreigners—to say nothing of the Germans themselves.

Do the Germans love the Yank who holds their purse strings? Write your own answer. Do they pay attention to what he says? Yea; verily. They may still deny that they started the World war but they realize at last that they are beaten to their knees and that this same Yank represents their last chance to save themselves as a nation.

In fact, the job is so difficult that not a few think the difficulties are insuperable and that the Dawes plan will not work without modifications. Just the same, it is Gilbert's job to make it work—or persuade the allies to make the necessary modifications. Anyway, Dawes and Young and Robinson and all the rest have left Gilbert to his own devices. They say what is needed now is a young man of energy, persistence, resourcefulness and special experience—and that Gilbert fills the bill exactly.

To get the right light on Gilbert a good deal must be read between the lines of the "Who's Who" sketch. The outstanding feature is of course the astonishing youth of the man—only thirty-two! And next is the responsible positions he has held and the work he has done.

Gilbert was regarded in college and the law school as an exceptionally brilliant student. At twenty-three he was a practicing lawyer in New York. When America entered the World war he tried hard to get in, but the doctors refused to pass him; he had had an operation for appendicitis and the cut had refused to heal. But he did join the war loan staff, under Assistant Secretary Leffingwell, in charge of fiscal affairs. As the staff dwindled after the Armistice he gradually came to be Leffingwell's right-hand man in all matters. When Leffingwell retired in July of 1920 Gilbert succeeded him. Secretary Mellon recognized his ability and asked him to stay. Thus he served under McAdoo, Glass, Houston and Mellon, resigning at thirty to resume the practice of law—only to be sent off to Berlin.

The Congressional Directory will give you a complete list of Gilbert's duties and responsibilities in the Treasury department, as follows:

To the Undersecretary and the Assistant Secretary in charge of the fiscal offices, who acts under the intermediate supervision of the Undersecretary, are assigned the general supervision of all matters relating to the fiscal bureau, offices and divisions as follows: Bureau of the Budget, Commissioner of Accounts and Deposits, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants, Division of Deposits, Treasurer of the United States, Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Farm Loan Bureau, Section of Statistics, Government Actuary, Commissioner of the Public Debt, Division of Loans and Currency, Register of the Treasury, Division of Public Debt Accounts and Audit, Division of Paper Custody, Savings Division, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Mint Bureau, Secret Service Division, Disbursing Clerk.

The Undersecretary also is charged with the supervision of the finances, and is authorized to act, for and by direction of the Secretary, in any branch of the department, and represents the Secretary in dealings with the Federal Reserve Board, the War Finance Corporation and the Farm Loan Board.

That also must be read between the lines. It gives no hint, for example, of Gilbert's handling under Mellon of the $7,000,000,000 refunding program, 1921-23. It seems to be agreed on all sides that Gilbert has done a lot of important financial work and has done it well.

Is Gilbert a heaven-born financial genius? That is an interesting question. Some of his very enthusiastic friends declare that he is the most extraordinary man of his years in the field of public finance since Alexander Hamilton. His most enthusiastic admirers even assert that as a youthful prodigy he outranks Hamilton. That is saying a whole lot.

For Hamilton was one of the greatest of American statesmen, as well as financial genius. He was apparently born with an intellect as mature as brilliant. Born in 1757 in the West Indies, probably the natural son of a Scotch father and a Danish mother, he showed his financial genius in a counting house at fifteen and was sent to the United States to be educated. July 6, 1774, while a student in King's college (now Columbia), he made a masterly impromptu address on the stirring issues of the day at a great mass meeting in New York that gave him immediate fame. Thereafter he was all things—writer, soldier, legislator, a great constructive statesman, a deviser of measures, a framer of policies. As our first secretary of the treasury (1789-95) he "laid the cornerstone of American finance under the Constitution," and established the credit of the new nation. It is the judgment of America that no man, with the exception of Washington and Lincoln, has ever rendered as great a service to the nation.

Intimates of Gilbert say that the characteristics which have carried him so far in so short a time are energy, resourcefulness and sound judgment. He has an extraordinary capacity for detail. He has always been a hard worker, by night as well as by day. His pleasure is his work. He seems to find his way by instinct, without the necessity of experience. He is reticent and cares nothing for publicity. When sure he is right he cannot be bluffed or scared.

Two stories about him have found their way back from the other side. In Paris an attempt was made to arrange for the taking of photographs. He stopped it, saying:

"This is no movie show; no photographs of this job!"

It became noised about that he had come to take the job without knowing what his salary would be. So somebody asked him. He answered:

"That is a mere detail."

It is to be hoped that the Dawes plan does work. Dawes and his committee solemnly warned the reparations powers that all parties must adopt it in good faith and seek to carry it out as a consistent and comprehensive plan. If the plan falls through lack of the spirit in which it was conceived, a lot of good money will be wasted and the confusion in Europe become worse confounded.

Remarkable Achievement

Handel's most memorable achievement—perhaps in its way the most astounding in all musical history—was, of course, the writing of "The Messiah" in little over three weeks! The thing would indeed be almost unbelievable if it were not attested beyond dispute by the dates on the autograph score now preserved in Buckingham palace, London, which show the work to have been begun on August 22, 1741, and completed on September 14.

Famous Forts in U. S. History

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

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The Fort That Was Built by Indian Slaves

Among the interesting sights in St. Augustine, Fla. (the oldest town in the United States) is a tablet over the entrance to Fort Marion, bearing the coat of arms of Spain and the following legend: "Don Ferdinand the Sixth, Being King of Spain and the Field Marshal, Don Alonzo Fernando Hereda, Being Governor and Captain General of This Place, St. Augustine, of Florida, and Its Province, This Fort Was Finished in the Year 1756. The Works Were Directed by the Captain Engineer, Don Pedro De Brazos Y Garay."

But this ancient inscription does not tell the full story of the forts in St. Augustine. From the day in 1565 when Pedro Menendez erected there the first rude fortification to hold Florida against the French, there have been a series of fortresses here. And they have been connected with some stirring scenes in Florida colonial history—with the massacre of Jean Ribaut's Huguenots by Menendez, with De Gourges' terrible revenge and with other incidents which gave this "land of flowers" a baptism of blood.

The first fort erected on the present site of Fort Marion was an octagonal wooden structure named San Juan de Pinos, built as early as 1586. It was this fort which Sir Francis Drake, the famous British navigator, captured without resistance during a flying raid on the "Spanish Main" in that year. A little later a more pretentious structure of stone was begun and it was named Fort St. Mark. In 1638 the Spaniards were at war with the Apalachian Indians, who lived near the Suwanee river, and, having defeated them, forced their captives to work on the fortifications for more than 60 years. When Gen. James Oglethorpe, the founder of Georgia, laid siege to St. Augustine in 1740, Monteano, the Spanish commandant, had a large force of convicts from Mexico at work on the fort and by this time it was so strong that Oglethorpe gave up the attempt to capture the town.

At the close of the French and Indian war Spain, France's ally, was forced to cede Florida to the British. In 1748 it was given back to Spain, who held it until 1819, when the United States purchased it for $5,000,000. On July 10, 1821, the Spanish flag, which had floated over St. Augustine for more than two centuries and a half, was lowered and the Stars and Stripes went up over Fort St. Mark. Some time later it was renamed Fort Marion in honor of Francis Marion, the famous "Swamp Fox" of the Revolution, and as Fort Marion the ancient fortress remains to this day.

Where Carelessness Cost 400 Lives

At the opening of the War of 1812 there lived at Lake Tensaw, near Mobile, Ala., a wealthy half-breed named Samuel Mimms. His house was built on low, sandy ground, surrounded by a marsh, and around it he had constructed a stockade with an uncompleted blockhouse at one corner.

When the Creek Indians joined the cause of the British the settlers gathered at this fort and in July, 1813, General Claiborne sent a force of 175 soldiers, under Maj. Daniel Beasley, to hold the fort. At first Beasley energetically obeyed Claiborne's orders to strengthen the fort, then allowed the work to slacken when the Creeks failed to make any hostile move. He even became so negligent as to fail to post guards, except at night and, one day when two slaves brought news of having seen signs of a large body of Indians, Beasley ordered them flogged for spreading a false alarm.

The next day, just as the drums beat the noon mess call, a horde of "Red Sticks" (Creek warriors) dashed out of a little ravine near the fort and were within 30 yards of the gate, which stood wide open and unguarded, before they were discovered. Beasley saw them first and ran to shut the gate. As he put his shoulder against the heavy log door the sand, which had drifted against it, held it open for a second. In that instant the Indians struck it, hurled it back, fell upon Beasley with their hatchets and cut him down.

Then the red horde, led by Chief Weatherford, poured into the fort. So desperate was the defense of the soldiers that at first the Creeks were driven back. But Weatherford rallied them and they soon gained full possession of the fort by burning the defenders out from house to house in the inclosure. The slaughter that followed was appalling. Weatherford tried to control his maddened warriors, but he could not hold in check the storm of destruction that he had loosed. Men, women and children went down before the hatchet and scalping knife and, except for 12 soldiers who broke through and escaped into the woods, not a white person of the 450 in the fort survived.

The defenders of Fort Mimms sold their lives dearly, however. More than 400 of the 1,000 Creek warriors who attacked the fort were killed or badly wounded. A year later Weatherford's people were forced to pay in full for the Fort Mimms massacre when "Old Hickory" Jackson defeated them at Tohopeka and plotted out forever the dower of the Creek fighting force.

The KITCHEN CABINET

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I love all beauteous things,
I seek and adore them;
God hath no better praise
And man in his hasty days
Is honored for them.

I, too, will something make
And joy in the making,
Altho' tomorrow it seems
Like the empty words of a dream,
Remembered in making.
—Robert Bridges.

WHAT TO EAT

Here are a few tempting economical dishes that are not hard to prepare:

Chop Suey.—take one pound of veal steak cut into cubes, one-fourth pound of fresh pork, also cut into cubes; cook until well-browned in a hot frying pan, adding a tablespoonful of butter; turn in two cupfuls of celery diced, one cupful of Spanish onions chopped, one tablespoonful of chopped peanuts, a can of mushrooms—dried ones will do if previously soaked—one teaspoonful of salt, a dash of cayenne and white pepper to taste. Cook the vegetables until tender, then add the various seasonings and two tablespoonfuls of kitchen bouquet or a tablespoonful of worcestershire sauce. Simmer for twenty minutes and serve heaped in the center of a hot platter with a ring of seasoned hot boiled rice around it.

Economy Stew.—Take one pound of round of beef and brown it in two tablespoonfuls of suet until both are well browned. Add one tablespoonful of flour and one quart of water to which two beef cubes have been added; cook for three-quarters of an hour at a simmering temperature, then add three carrots, two potatoes diced, and one tablespoonful of rice. Cook until the vegetables are well done, season to taste with salt if needed, pepper and any table sauce desired.

Chicken Curry.—Cut two cupfuls of chicken into small dice. Cook one large, sliced onion in four tablespoonfuls of butter; when tender add three tablespoonfuls of flour, one teaspoonful of sugar, one tablespoonful of curry powder and stir over the fire for two minutes, then add one sour apple peeled and chopped, one and one-half cupfuls of water or stock, the chicken, and cook slowly for half an hour. Add one cupful of cream, a little worcestershire and kitchen bouquet, pepper and salt needed, and serve with a border of boiled seasoned rice.

Cream Sauce.—Mix three-fourths of a cupful of thick cream with one-fourth cupful of milk, beat until stiff, using an egg beater; add one-third of a cupful of powdered sugar and one-half teaspoonful of vanilla.

The year book's closed and sealed at last,
Nor can I alter what is past.
My griefs, my pleasures, thoughts and acts,
Are all on record as plain facts.
But here before me, pure and white,
Are pages now on which to write.
I've but to choose 'twixt joy and sorrow,
And start my future from tomorrow.
—Lloyd.

ABOUT POTATOES

As there are several hundred ways of cooking and serving potatoes, we will try to add a few recipes occasionally to our menu book.

Rhode Island Potatoes.—Cut five medium-sized raw potatoes into slices one-eighth of an inch thick. Cook in boiling water (salted), for five minutes. Drain well and spread out in a buttered pan. Pour over them one-half cupful of melted butter which has been mixed with one and one-half teaspoonfuls of worcestershire sauce, one and three-fourths teaspoonfuls of salt, and one-fourth teaspoonful of paprika. Bake until the potatoes are tender, basting often with the gravy. Serve at once.

Oval Potatoes.—Wash, pare and cook six medium-sized potatoes until tender, then force through a ricer. Add two tablespoonfuls of butter, two teaspoonfuls of grated onion, the yolks of two eggs well-beaten, salt and pepper to season. Work until well-blended, then form into oval balls, roll in flour, and place around the roast of meat, basting often until the potatoes are brown. Serve round the roast.

Potatoes Indienne.—Cook one small, chopped onion in two tablespoonfuls of butter until soft, but not brown. Add three and one-half cupfuls of diced, cold, boiled potatoes and cook slowly five minutes. Meanwhile mix together one and one-half teaspoonfuls of curry powder, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt, one-half teaspoonful of paprika, and add gradually three-fourths of a cupful of chicken stock and one and one-half tablespoonfuls of finely-chopped pimentoes. Pour over the potatoes and cook five minutes. Serve hot.

Try adding a little onion juice or scraped onion to mashed potatoes. It adds much to the palatability, and if the man of the house doesn't like onions, this is a good way to have the flavor without the evidence.

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A new invention is a music stand which will turn over the sheets when a foot lever is pressed.

Children are petted, but grandchildren more so.

The Unspoiled Prince

The various stories about the prince coming back with a strong Yankee accent are of course all nonsense. I didn't risk a watery grave by going to the closing solemnity at Wembley, but I listened in from the depths of a comfortable armchair to the prince's speech and he didn't emit even a solitary "Gee."—London Opinion.

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Movies' Effect on Lovers

Influence of the American film is killing the Romeo and Juliet style of courtship from doorstep to balcony in Spain, and embraces depicted in the pictures are being copied by the younger generation.

A politician's idea of a public need is something that will enable him to feed at the public trough.

Masher Mashed

The bus was jammed; tired girls from the stores tried their best to hold a footing, swaying in the aisle. Two of them hung perilously over a "Valentino" who seemed quite willing to trade his seat for a smile. Came a lurch, one girl clutched the air frantically and plumped solidly down upon the masher, wrecking his hat and mussing him up considerably. "Sorry," she murmured. "Gosh, Nell, that was a peach," her companion congratulated. "I didn't think you had the nerve to do it."—Detroit News.

War Against Tiny Letters

Postal authorities over the country are waging a campaign to do away with the very small types of envelopes and postcards used in the mail either as a social affectation or for advertising purposes. These small letters and cards are easily lost and make it impossible to stack mail or tie it in bundles, to say nothing of resisting the machines for canceling that are being installed everywhere as labor and time savers. All these small pieces have to be canceled by hand.

Daily Dialogue

Shadrach—I think Abednego's sense of humor is abominable.

Meshach—Why so?

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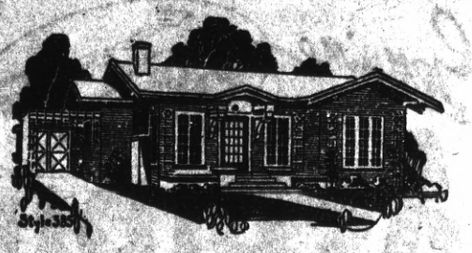

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Gulf Stream Shifting?

Englishmen of a scientific turn of mind, seeking an explanation for the progressively worse climate of the last few years, are wondering if they can blame it on a shift in the Gulf stream following disclosures that the water of the English channel has fallen steadily in temperature since 1921.

Charts made from observations taken at the Plymouth station of the Marine Biological association show that the waters of the channel reached their highest average temperature in 1921, and that the average has since fallen a few degrees each year.

Primitive Chinese Methods

Odd examples of the comparative slowness and erudity of ancient tools and machinery still are found in many parts of China. One of these is a primitive sail windmill which is used today at Tientsin to lift water from a well for irrigation purposes.

To obtain the power to lift the water, latcen sails are fastened perpendicularly on a rough, revolving framework, forming a very cumbersome wind machine to operate the [illegible].—Popular Science Monthly.

MICKIE SAYS—

Heavenly Beauty

New Boarder—You told me in your letter there were views of heavenly beauty to be seen from this place!

Landlady—And so there are! You just wait till tonight and then look up into our sky!

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No Cause for Alarm About Diverting Trade

There is no great excitement in Richmond in regard to the passenger ferry service to San Francisco [illegible] attracting shoppers via of the tunnel route [illegible] This is the prediction of many who are acquainted with the local situation.

The service afforded the people of Richmond and vicinity by the S. F. and O. Ry and the S. P. Electric cannot be excelled for convenience and dispatch. Bus service, including transferring, will not wear. Some may try it for the novelty and a change, but will return to the old reliable and quick way of travel.

Eastbay merchants are not much alarmed about the new automobile ferry service diverting trade to San Francisco. The joy riders "keep on goin' "—they don't do much shopping while en route.

Newspaper publishing and editing has not offered opportunities for success comparable with other professions and lines of humaif endeavor, if success is to be judged by the amount of worldly goods one acquires. At present the world seems to regard worldly success with better favor than it does a life of service. This applies to the teacher, the minister and often to those engaged in professions that require both intellectual and business ability. This is an age of "get the money." And in the scramble its up to the fellow with the "longest reach." And he is exceedingly numerous among the middle class, including those in all walks of life.

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Go to Explore Wilds

Jack Hornby, hermit and explorer, left Edmonton, Alberta, recently for the Barren lands in company with Captain Critchell-Bullock and H. A. Glenn for the purpose of taking photographs of the caribou migration across the barrens. The party expects to spend the winter in the Far North. Hornby has received permission from the Canadian government to bring out a pair of wild muskox. He does not know whether he can do this, but he is going to try, and if he succeeds he will endeavor to ascertain what can be done in the way of domesticating these animals.

"Dad, what is a pessimist?"

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Many Drainage Tunnels of Extraordinary Length

The following is from a paper by Lester S. Grant, dean of the Colorado School of Mines, read before the Teknik club of Denver: "In 1530 Agricola, a German mineralogist, recorded that the gold and silver mines of Schemnitz, Hungary, had then been worked for 600 years; the lead mines of Goslar, Germany, for 600 years, and the silver mines of Freiberg, Saxony, for 400 years. Subsequent working of these mines necessitated the driving of drainage tunnels of lengths as yet unequaled in the history of mining. The Tiefe Georg tunnel, in Saxony, driven between 1777 and 1799, is 34,529 feet long, with branches amounting to 25,319 feet more. This was driven entirely by hand to obtain a drainage depth of only 460 feet. The Joseph H. tunnel at Schemnitz was started in 1782 but not completed until 1878. It is 10¼ miles long. The Rothschonberger tunnel at Freiberg, driven between 1844 and 1877, totals over 95,149 feet, the main tunnel being 42,662 feet. These tunnels were all driven by hand, using black powder."

A HUMBUG, TO BE SURE

"He's nursing a political bee."
"Nursing a humbug, I'll say!"

Africa Losing Ostriches

Ostriches are becoming scarce in Africa and the ostrich population shows an enormous decrease in the last quarter of a century.

The first ostrich census, reasonably accurate, made certain that South Africa had not far from 1,000,000 of these big birds. In the count made last year even the small flocks had to be included to show a population of 120,000, so the government is taking great pains to interest the owners in breeding and rearing more birds, as the income from the sale of feathers and occasional birds for parks and other display purposes brings an important revenue to the country and the industry was a source of much wealth.

Circus Lures Parents

Adele Prinz and her husband Alois of Vienna have been brought into court on a charge of abandoning their baby in order to see the circus. They admitted the charge. Mrs. Prinz, suspecting her husband was going to the circus without her, wheeled the baby to the entrance and waited, ticket in hand. When he appeared she shoved the buggy and infant at him and disappeared in the crowd. Unmoved, the husband left the baby and buggy where it stopped and followed the crowd inside. Police did the rest.

Odd English Trading Law

An odd point of English law which is of interest and importance to every woman who goes shopping is that an article displayed and priced in a shop window may be bought, however much the shopkeeper may object to upsetting his window display by its withdrawal. But the purchaser must tender the exact amount for it; she cannot ask for change, she may not even ask that it be wrapped up, and she must be certain beforehand that it is priced.

Mosquitoes Bother Japan

A traveler from Japan reports that the summer just past was the hottest on record there in 53 years, and that because of the activity of mosquitoes he saw electric fans used in novel fashion at foreign style dinners. One set of fans would be placed on the floor to keep the mosquitoes away from the diners' feet and another above the table to protect their necks and faces.

Behind Time

"I should think this would make you insane," said the visitor to the penitentiary.

"It's too late for that," replied the prisoner, "I should have done that before the trial."—Life.

Cuba a Good Customer

Each year Cuba buys an average of $18 worth of food from America for each person on the island.

More Work, Plea Made by English Convicts

Surely the strangest complaint that ever came out of a prison has just been made by the convicts of Dartmoor, in England. They want more work to do! Seven hours of work a day, which is all they have, they find insufficient to tire them, to give them the exercise they would like, and to keep them out of the solitary horror of their cells, where, under the present system, they must stay for 17 hours out of the 24.

One of their ardent desires, also, is to learn a trade during their stay (usually of some years, for Dartmoor is reserved for the more serious offenses), instead of spending all their time at unprofitable work, such as digging and road mending. The desire certainly seems a reasonable one, observes Diana Bourbon, in the New York Times.

It is pointed out that the convicts could easily develop a farm on the waste land that surrounds the prison for miles and perhaps save the government a great deal of money, because Dartmoor is not self-supporting; even its potatoes have to be bought from a London firm.

STILL TAPIRS THERE

She (in the animal tent of circus)—Oh, Arthur, suppose the lights should go out—I'd be frightened to death in the dark here!

He—Don't worry, dear — it wouldn't be dark. There are several tapirs in that cage over there.

Jeweled "Paradise"

A jeweled "Paradise" supposed to represent the abode of Vishnu, the preserver in the Hindu Trinity, which was on view in the Indian pavilion at Wembley, England, is valued at approximately $12,000. The whole background is of precious jewels; mountains are made up of emeralds, while sapphire elephants are roaming in the forests. The eagle is carved out of rubies, and the figure of Vishnu is done in emeralds. Over 7,000 pieces have been used in this splendid model, and the artist has almost recklessly chopped off pieces from rubies and emeralds in order to represent human beings or animals. Vaikuntha, as this paradise is called by Hindus, is considered to be the highest of heavenly abodes.

Well, of All Things!

One of the commission men at the stock yards tells a story of a hog buyer in a nearby town, which he vows is absolutely true. The buyer who, he said, was noted for his stinginess, bought a bunch of hogs from a farmer, and in the settlement two bills stuck together so that the farmer was overpaid $10. Roads were bad, and it was about a month before the farmer came to town, but he hunted up the hog buyer, told him of the mistake and refunded the money. The buyer without a thank you, scratched his head, looked thoughtful and then suggested that in view of the fact that the farmer had had the use of the money for 30 days, he owed a little interest on it.—Indianapolis News.

Dead Brought to Life

At a recent gathering of French physicians in Paris, several animals which had been put out of business by poison gas and which displayed all the symptoms of death, were brought to life again by means of a new breathing machine designed to resuscitate victims of drowning or asphyxiation. It consists of two bellows, one of which "exhales" while the other "inhales" in a way that is said to imitate perfectly the action of the lungs. The artificial breath is transmitted to the sufferer either by a tube in the throat or through a mask that covers the face.

Skunk Exterminator

Bud, a sixteen-month-old English bulldog owned by Burt Patchin of Wayland, N. Y., believes his mission in life is to exterminate woodchucks. From April 24 to October 1 he has killed and brought home 152 woodchucks. In moments of enthusiasm Bud also brought home four skunks, necessitating his going into retirement for some time thereafter.—New York World.

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